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Army Net to Spy on War Foes Reported

NEW YORK (UPI)—Five former military intelligence agents have claimed the Army built a spy network in recent years to gather information about the antiwar and civil rights movements. They said information also was collected about elected officials opposed to the Vietnam war.

The former agents, some of whom requested anonymity, said military intelligence operatives conducted detailed spying at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., funeral, the Poor Peoples' Campaign, antiwar demonstrations throughout the nation and protests at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago and at Nixon's Washington Inauguration.

The five former agents revealed the spy network on the NBC program "First Tuesday," broadcast Tuesday night. The program contended the Army still has about 1,000 agents operating in the United States.

Daniel Z. Henkin, assistant secretary of Defense, said in an interview on the program the Army had engaged in some intelligence gathering activity "at the request of the Justice Department."

NBC news correspondent Tom Pettit, who narrated the 50-minute segment of the program, said although the Army claims to have cut back on its domestic intelligence activities "the military intelligence apparatus still exists; (such as) secret agents, some of the files, a communications net-

work and electronic surveillance devices."

David Johnson, identified as a former agent now a student at a West Coast college, said "the (Army's) files contain the names of various high officials within the United States government—high officials, senators, representatives, various other officials in the government, all of whom at one time or another struck out against the Vietnam war."

Johnson said he had been told to infiltrate the leadership of antiwar groups planning to protest Nixon's Inauguration and said he was given an expense account while in Washington and told he could buy alcohol or marijuana to help him infiltrate.

Other former agents re-

lated an assignment to cover the King funeral and to report on everyone who attended it, including "the vice president of the United States." Former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey attended the April, 1968, rites with numerous other important political figures.

[In the past, the Army's snooping has come under fire from both the American Civil Liberties Union and congressional critics.

[Sen. Sam Ervin (D-N.C.), a leading opponent of government invasion of privacy said in a floor speech:

"The Army has no business operating data banks for surveillance of private citizens; not does it have any business in domestic politics."]